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To Close at 7 P. M.

HICKMAN, Ky., May 23, 1900.

We, the undersigned merchants of Hickman, agree to close our stores at 7 o'clock p. m., every day except Saturday, commencing Friday, May 25th, and continue until Oct. 1st, next.

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Council Proceedings.

HICKMAN, Ky., May 23, 1900.

Council met in called session. Present, Mayor Dillon, Councilmen Cowgill, Davis, Brevard, Ellison and Wearn.

The Mayor stated the object of the meeting to be to consider a petition against the enforcement of the amendment to the stock ordinance pertaining to cows. As the petition represented the majority of the legal voters of the city, on motion, made and carried, the operation of the stock ordinance was suspended.

The following ordinance was introduced, read, ordered spread upon the record, published, and lay over until the next regular meeting:

The City Council of the City of Hickman do ordain as follows:

That the ordinance known as the Stock Ordinance be repealed entirely.

On motion, the complaint of the U. R. of F., as to their assessment of taxes, was deferred until the next regular meeting.

On motion, Council adjourned.

Attest, H. C. HELM, Clerk.

Stock Law Repealed.

The City Council in called session on Wednesday repealed the entire stock law, the vote being unanimous. A petition representing a large majority of the voters of the city was presented asking the repeal of the cow law, and the discussion resulting led to a repeal of the entire stock law. So, therefore, hogs, and cows can run at will without fear of molestation from the city authorities.

Duns on Postals.

Edward Cusic, a Washington county farmer, was dismissed by United States Commissioner Boldrick, at Lebanon, having been arrested by the Federal authorities, charged with violating the postal laws. Cusic wrote to Elbert Downs a postal card telling him he must settle a certain debt or he would go to law with it.

Indictment Served.

Max Kauffman and Lev Kauffman, proprietors of the Salvage Wrecking Store, in the Brown block, have been indicted by the grand jury for selling goods without license. The indictment was served to-day by deputy sheriff Carpenter. Both gentlemen gave bond with L. W. Brown as security. The trial will come up next September term of circuit court.—Fulton Leader.

The Seining Law.

The law against seining in this State is as follows:

"That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to catch or destroy fish in any of the running waters, lakes or ponds, other than a dip net, drag or trap, except streams forming boundary line between this and other States. Anyone thus offending shall, on conviction, shall be fined in a sum not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than fifty dollars, for each offense and cost of prosecution."

KILLED LAST SUNDAY AT MT. ZION CHURCH, IN GRAVES COUNTY.

A tragedy followed in the wake of an enjoyable day's religious service at Mt. Zion church, near Sedalia, Graves county, last Sunday. A well known young man named John Pryor became involved in a row and in the midst of an assemblage of the four or five thousand people who attended the "foot-washing" caused a great commotion.

Constable George Wilson undertook to quiet the belligerents and, according to an eye witness, he was knocked down and bruised in a painful manner by Pryor and two of his friends. When the officer arose he shot and killed Pryor. Later he went to Mayfield and surrendered himself.

The Methodist General Conference, after balloting nearly a week, elected the Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamilton and the Rev. David H. Moore to be bishops. The Conference also decided in favor of admitting women to the General Conference.

The Legislatures of twenty-eight States have approved the proposition to elect United States Senators by the people. No wonder the United States Senators do not care to vote upon the submission of a constitutional amendment opening the way to that method of election.

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OFFICIAL CALL.

Congressional Executive Committee to Meet May 26th.

FULTON, Ky., May 21.—The Democratic Executive Committee of the First Congressional District of Kentucky, composed of the chairmen of the thirteen counties of said District, is hereby called to convene at the Palmer House in the city of Paducah, on the 26th of May, 1900, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

MOTT AYERS, Chairman.

Stone Still a Democrat.

It having been reported in the papers that Hon. W. J. Stone, former Congressman from this District, had attended the Republican Convention at Louisville and affiliated with the Republican party, that gentleman has written a letter to the Paducah News pronouncing said report "a mistake or a deliberate lie," as the case may be. He says: "My Democracy is of so pure a type and has been so thoroughly tested that coming in contact with Republican politicians, and being courteously treated by them, does not give me the rabies nor dim the luster of my politics. In that I am different from the average howler of the day."

POWERS ARRESTED

But Freed by the Judge.

John Powers, brother of Secretary of State Powers, under indictment as accessory to the murder of Goebel, but who has evaded arrest, was captured by the Sheriff near Barboursville. His attorneys swore out a warrant of habeas corpus, and filed a pardon signed by Taylor as Governor. County Judge Wyatt, republican, recognized the pardon as valid and turned him loose.

A large number of ex-Confederates have petitioned Gov. McMillin to parole Col. H. Clay King to attend the Re-Union at Louisville and be in command of King's Battalion. Col. King cannot live long.

Census Queries.

The blank schedules to be used in the next census are now being distributed by the Census Office to the enumerators, who will start to work on June 1. The schedules contain questions which some persons may think prying, purposeless, or excessive in number. But their number and character have been determined by Congress, not by the Census Office, and all of them have been asked in previous censuses. The only important change since 1890 is that some questions have been abandoned.

People are often offended at the question, "How old are you?" and are apt to wonder what use the Government can make of their replies. Taken as a whole the replies are as important as any class of information the Census Office collects. Age returns penetrate and elucidate every other branch of statistical knowledge. They show where child labor is prevalent and where the proportion of persons able to support themselves is large or small. They reveal the great number of colored children and the short life of the negroes under present conditions. They make it possible to ascertain whether the average length of life is increasing or decreasing, how many men the nation contains who are capable of voting or of bearing arms, and whether the relative number of children is increasing or decreasing.

Some mothers may shrink from stating the number of children they have had and the number who are living. But from the answers to these questions, the country will learn whether the native American population is holding its own, or whether, as some have claimed, it is being gradually supplanted and displaced by the children of recent immigrants.

In the light of such explanations, and only a few of the most important questions have been touched upon, it may perhaps be clear to the public that no question has been ordered by Congress, or has been asked by the Census Office which, if properly and correctly answered, will not lead to suggestive inferences regarding the American people and their work.

—Reports of Tennessee's wheat crop received by Commissioner Paine indicate a loss of at least 50 per cent.

Soldiers Gone.

All the soldiers on both sides, at Frankfort, have been dismissed and our State capital is once more under civil government, no militia to obstruct, interfere or intimidate. Taylor's Adjutant-General turned all the State's guns over to Adjutant General Castleman, and he had them stored in the State Arsenal. The two Generals exchanged personal compliments.

INDIAN RELICS

Unearthed the Other Day By a Hickman Country Farmer.

While plowing last Monday in a field on the Jas. W. Craig place near Mt. Moriah, Hickman county, John N. Craig turned up a bed of 65 Indian flint shaped something like arrow points, and they were so placed in the bed as to indicate that they had originally been in some kind of a vessel which probably melted to dust again, as there was a peculiar clayey mold around the flints. They formed a crown shaped circle in the earth. The land on which the discovery was made was cleared 70 or 80 years ago by a Mr. Aydelott. Further examinations will be made there in the hope of unearthing other relics.—Paducah News.

Another Lie Nailed.

[From Bardwell Star.] It is reported that Dr. J. B. Dillon, of Alexander, Ky., informed me when I went to his house for the purpose of attending John Dalton's funeral, that he (Dr. Dillon) told me that John Dalton died with the small-pox, and for me not to attend the funeral, that I had reported it was purposely for the small-pox to get scattered so that I could make good money out of it. Now, I wish to say that the whole thing is an infamous lie made out of whole cloth. I took a chill and was confined to the bed. Dr. Dillon's day Dalton was buried, and was not able to go to Dalton's funeral, and was not able to return home until the next day.

J. H. BLACK.

ACTIONS AND WORDS.

Present indications are that the people will have to choose between actions and words as guides in judging of the sentiments of the Republican party in the approaching campaign.

It has been evident for some time that the Republican national platform would contain an anti-trust plank strongly tempered by the trusts' contribution of \$30,000,000 to the Republican campaign fund. Now it is faintly possible that the platform will also contain a plank voicing sympathy for the Boers in their war with Great Britain.

An anti-trust plank in the Philadelphia platform even though coupled with a trust slush fund and an endorsement of the present trust-producing tariff regulations, would probably fool some people who have not learned to trace the relation between the tariff as a suppressor of competition and the trusts in the same capacity. Few would, however, be fooled by a plank in the Republican platform expressing sympathy for the Boers. The entire conduct of the administration from the time when hostilities were first threatened until the present has been one of antagonism to the Boers. If fear of Boer sympathizers forces a sympathy plank in the Republican platform, a plainer stamp of the insincerity will be on that document than on an anti-trust plank.—St. Louis Republic.

AUCTION SALE!

On Saturday, the 2d day of June, 1900, I will offer for sale 300 head of STOCK SHEEP, to be sold in lots of 10 head, at my stock pens in Woodland Mills, Tenn., to the best bidder.

Terms of sale will be: on time until Aug. 1st, 1900, with good note; or 6 per cent. discount on sale for cash.

Sale will commence at 1 o'clock. This will give every farmer a chance to get what Stock Sheep he wants, and pay for them out of his wheat crop.

Any one wanting to buy privately come and get what you want right away at low prices. You all know sheep are high, but my prices are low for I want to stock the country so there will be something to ship out next spring and bring you better profits than anything you can interest your money in.

J. W. MARTIN, JR.

DEMOCRATS WIN.

Beckham is the Governor,

Says the Highest Court in the Land.

The Supreme Court of the United States handed down its decision Monday in the Kentucky Governorship contest, deciding that Beckham, democrat, is the legally elected Governor. This means that Taylor, republican, shall step down and out, and that Beckham, democrat, shall be the Governor of Kentucky until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified. It also means incidentally, that all the minor state officers will be sustained by the same courts. There can be no doubt now, but that Taylor will dismiss his militia, that all the Republican claimants will vacate their positions, and that Governor Beckham's authority as Governor of the State will be respected by all the courts and people.

Under the law, Beckham only being Lt. Governor, there must be an election for Governor at the next general election, which is in November. It would be better for the State and people if the bitterness which characterized the last campaign could be obliterated, and the ensuing election fought on a higher plan. But we fear the politicians will force a renewal of the personal bitterness and abuse.

Reviewing the terribly unfortunate political condition in this State it is comforting to the best class of citizenship to realize that the courts are not wholly party blind, but are capable of handing down non-partisan decisions. As for instance:

1st. The State Election Commission, composed of 3 democrats, awarded a decision in favor of the Republicans, 2 democrats so voting.

2. The Legislature was democratic, and awarded the decision in favor of the Democrats, but before the assassination of Goebel, the terrible excitement, the dispersion of the Legislature by the militia, &c., it was apparently well believed that a number of democrats intended to vote to confirm Taylor's certificate.

3. The appeal to Judge Taft, a republican of the U. S. Circuit Court sustained the democrats.

4. In the decision of the Court of appeals, the Supreme court of the State, composed of 4 democrats and three republicans, two of the Republicans voting with the democrats.

5. The Supreme court of the United States is composed of nine Judges, a majority of Republicans and now this court decides in favor of the Democrats, 5 positive, 3 approving some points and dissenting on some points, and one, Judge Harlan, pronounced in favor of the Republican contention. Judge Harlan is a Kentuckian, a very able lawyer, but probably somewhat affected by Kentucky Republican bitterness.

Requisition Refused.

Gov. Mount, of Indiana, refused a requisition from Gov. Beckham, of Kentucky, to turn over to Kentucky officers, Chas. Finley, ex-Sec'y. of State, who is indicted in this State, on the charge of being an accessory before the fact to the assassination of Gov. Goebel. The papers were regularly and properly made out, and issued by Gov. Beckham since the decision of the United States Supreme Court. Gov. Mount refused without giving reasons therefor. He did ask the Kentucky officers if the Ky. grand jury that returned the indictment was not Democratic.

How the Court Stood.

The Supreme Court of the United States has sustained the title of J. O. tucky. In an opinion by Chief Justice W. Beckham to the governorship of Kentucky, in which four other Justices joined, the court held that the case was not one for Federal jurisdiction and dismissed it. Justice McKenna and Justice Brewer filed separate opinions, in the latter Justice Brown concurring. They agreed in the conclusion, but one held that the office is property and the others that the court should have accepted jurisdiction and then decided for Gov. Beckham. A dissenting opinion was filed by justice Harlan, the remaining member of the bench, who contended that the court should have accepted jurisdiction and set aside the action of the Legislature and the verdict of the courts and should have given the office to Taylor.—Courier Journal.

HERE are the national tickets nominated up to the hour of going to press: Bryan and Towne, by the Populists; Barker and Donnelly by the Populists; Harriman and Hayes, Socialistic-Democratic; Swallow and Woolley, Christian.